

Amendment to the Specification:

Please **add** the following paragraph on page 1 before the paragraph entitled "Technical Field":

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the National Phase, continuation application of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/007551, filed July 11, 2003, which claims the benefit of German Application No. 102 31 655.4, filed July 12, 2002. The entire disclosures of these applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.